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CSS-NX-3 AT-SEA EJECTION TEST PREPARATIONS
XIAOPING DAO SUBMARINE BASE, CHINA (SWN)

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1. SIGNIFICANCE: PREPARATIONS FOR CSS-NX-3 SUBMARINE-LAUNCHED BALLISTIC MISSILE (SLBM) AT-SEA EJECTION TESTING FROM THE XIA NUCLEAR POWERED BALLISTIC MISSILE SUBMARINE (SSBN) ARE UNDERWAY AT XIAOPING DAO. (SWN)
2. REMARKS: [] THE SLBM MOBILE CRANE USED FOR CSS-NX-3 LOADING OPERATIONS HAD ARRIVED AT THE BASE AND WAS PARKED WITHIN THE FENCED SECURED AREA ON THE MISSILE LOADING QUAY. THE CRANE [] IN FRONT OF THE FINAL ASSEMBLY AND CHECKOUT BUILDING AT XIAOPING DAO SLBM SUPPORT FACILITY [] WHERE IT WAS PARKED AFTER THE LAST SERIES OF SLBM TESTING IN EARLY JANUARY. IN ADDITION, MOUNTING BRACKETS FOR A VIDEO MONITORING DEVICE HAVE BEEN ATTACHED TO THE XIA'S TURTLEBACK JUST AFT OF THE LAST TWO MISSILE TUBES. A VIDEO MONITORING DEVICE WAS PLACED ON THE GOLF BALLISTIC MISSILE SUBMARINE (SSB) TO MONITOR THE FIRST LAUNCH OF THE CSS-NX-3 SLBM IN 1982, AND WILL PROBABLY BE USED TO PHOTOGRAPH A STRUCTURAL TEST VEHICLE (STV) BEING EJECTED FROM THE XIA. OTHER SLBM-RELATED EQUIPMENT AT THE SUBMARINE BASE INCLUDED ONE STV, FIVE BALLAST CANS, AND TWO VIDEO MONITORING DEVICES. (SWN)

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ANALYST COMMENTS: THIS ACTIVITY IS A CONTINUATION OF THE CSS-NX-3 SLBM COMPATIBILITY TESTING THAT HAS BEEN UNDERWAY AT XIAOPING DAO SINCE LATE DECEMBER 1983. THE MOBILE CRANE WILL BE USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH A FLOATING CRANE FROM LUSHUN NAVAL BASE AND SHIPYARD [] TO LOAD THE STV AND SOME OR ALL OF THE BALLAST CANS FOR AT-SEA EJECTION TESTING. DURING THE PREVIOUS TEST CYCLE, THE XIA WAS DETECTED PERFORMING PRECISE NAVIGATIONAL MANEUVERING IN THE LUSHUN AREA [] DURING THE MANEUVERING, TWO COUNTDOWNS WERE HELD, NEITHER RESULTING IN AN EJECTION TEST. COVERAGE OF XIAOPING DAO [] REVEALED THE STV AND THE FIVE BALLAST CANS HAD BEEN REMOVED FROM THE XIA. THE EJECTION OF A STV FROM THE XIA IS EXPECTED PRIOR TO THE LAUNCH OF A LIVE CSS-NX-3 SLBM. (SECRET [])

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3. [] COORDINATES 38-49-01N 121-29-39E (S)

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4. COLLATERAL REFERENCE: DIRNSA, 2/00/258-84, DTG 061952Z JAN 84, PRC NAVY CONDUCTS SLBM-RELATED OPERATIONS NEAR LYUSHUN, []

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